

## IMPROVEMENTS BY GOVERNMENT

Local Weather Bureau Undergoing a Renovation

TO ADVANCE THE SERVICE

New Instruments Will Probably be Put in.

The United States weather department's station in this city is undergoing some needed renovation and the rooms occupied as long by "Uncle Sam's" in the Federal block are beginning to look like they were fit to be occupied by him who licked England twice, Mexico once, Algeria once, Spain once and a rebellious portion of himself once.

During the well earned lull of Dr. Fred L. Johnson, George Titus Todd, observer of the Dodge City station, is in charge and is giving direction to the improvements in a way that proves him to be a very fine artist as well as a deputy weather prophet of great repute in the "short grass" country.

The weather bureau is becoming an "institution" in this city; the people are taking an interest in it and when country customers come to town the whole men take them up there, as they bring them to see the printing equipment of the Eagle, and other things of interest which cannot be seen every day.

There is some hope that when the improvement of the local weather bureau is completed, it will be of still greater interest. The people out here are generally American-study Americans at that—and they take a pride in everything that represents their government.

In fact, they get their dose of the government largely from what they see of its departments and of its service in the interest of the people. And so it is when they go to see a weather station they estimate the value of its service by its appearance. As they see the delicate anemometers, meteorographs and such things, and understand their functions from authoritative explanations, they immediately draw their old acquaintances whom they go home and watch for what the weather bureau says. There is now and always has been an unaccountable prejudice against scientific truth. It is probable that not more than one-tenth of the people of the United States believe the weather bureau can forecast storms with any degree of accuracy. They go on believing in such an old-fashioned superstition. There is need for surrounding the service with impressive equipment as there is need in the presentation of religious truth for robes and ceremonies to make an impression on men's minds. Anything that advances the cause of truth is legitimate.

A fine weather office always makes a convert to the scientific fact that the weather bureau can forecast storms and local scientific enthusiasts of which there are many in Wichita on account of its public library—are in high feather over the probability that the local weather office will be equipped impressively.

Hereafter the "weather office" will consist of three rooms—one a work room on an instrument room and one a store room. It is hoped that the new Todd Self-Recorder will be installed as one of the instruments, and many local patrons of the service are using Professor Todd to ask the department for one. This instrument is a revelation. It measures the velocity of the wind, records the direction, measures precipitation and records the appearance and duration of sunshine every minute of the day by a complex system of clockwork, electrical wires and thermopile tubes, that are infallible in their operation and results. It so acts that fifty years hence if a man desires to know whether the sun was shining in Wichita at thirty-seven minutes past 4 o'clock p. m. on November 21, 1902, he can ascertain it; he can not make for truth in meteorological conditions, and he can not for truth in precipitation for the weather service of the United States is becoming a potent factor in the determination of truth in the courts of the land, both in criminal and civil cases.

"How can this record be so accurately kept?"

In this way. It is a simple fact that alcohol expands and contracts under heat and cold. Alcohol is confined in a tiny tube. To this tube is attached a thin point charged with ink. If the alcohol expands, this pen records it on a roll of paper according to the degree of expansion and if it contracts the pen moves in another direction, according to the degree of contraction, or, in other words, according to the degree of cold. The pen moves over a ruled plate representing periods of minutes, hours, days and nights and this tells what the temperature was at any minute. The force that moves the pen is much more accurate than that which guides the average human hand—it is unerring.

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roof of the building are minutely recording their own revolutions below and at every minute the observer can tell not only in which direction the wind is blowing, but can tell its velocity as well. He can tell it more accurately than a physician can tell the pulse-beats or temperature of his patient. The anemometer which does this turns 500 revolutions for every mile of wind and when the wind is blowing forty-eight miles an hour it is going pretty fast, but not too fast to send its own record on paper more delicately than the best penman in Wichita.

The instruments now in the office here are few and comparatively crude, but they are capable of doing the work as far as they go. Wichita has reached an importance in the weather service that the most up-to-date instruments are needed and as this is an administration of healthy scientific progress, the people can look for the best. The immense fruit and crop interest of this great valley surely will suggest to the department that the best and most complete weather service possible is needed here.

The treasury department which will have something to say about appropriations for the improvements needed, may be a little cautious at first, but the logic for a great weather service here is so great that it cannot be long overlooked. The dissemination of weather information is also an important feature and with rural mail routes and the larger newspaper circulation of Wichita the best and most elaborate weather service can be maintained here to the interest of the farmer and fruit grower and to the credit of the service. That there is a live interest in all meteorological changes, and a fair understanding of their effects, is proved by the great interest taken last summer over an area of 40 miles long and 200 miles wide, in the daily weather tables and comparisons carried through the columns of this paper.

There is need to be a considerable revival of interest in the weather service and people are reading the explanatory charts furnished them by the local office.

### PRINCESS CHIC IS A GOOD PLAY

Big Crowd Enjoyed It at the Toler Last Night.

The Kirke LaShelle Comic Opera company presented the "Princess Chic" to a fine house at the Toler Auditorium last night. It was the best comic opera troupe that has struck Wichita in a long time and nothing but words of praise were heard after the performance was over. The music is louding and catchy. The principals are good singers and the chorus large, and what is better—they can sing and sing good. The scenery and costumes were far better than the usual run of comic opera companies.

The "Princess Chic" is a romantic story of the medieval period. It deals with the life of a romantic young princess who was a fine huntswoman and liked nothing better than to be out in the open where she could give free rein to her thoughts and her ideas were many and original. She set her cap for Charles, the bold Duke of Burgundy and although compelled to pass through many trials, finally won him. It is a good story and well told by the competent company.

There is more good music in this play than any since the days of Rialto House. There is abundant opportunity for humor and this is taken advantage of in every instance. Joseph C. Miron, an one of the swarming soldiers of fortune, captured the audience with his singing "War is a Beautiful Joke" in the third act, with a male chorus assisting. There are few better songs in the repertoire of the stage than this one and Mr. Miron gave great satisfaction by his work. His voice is superb and he knows how to use it.

Mrs. Christina Hudson, as the "Princess," is a very good singer and actress, and Walter Lawrence, as the "Duke," does his part well. The chorus is a great deal better than most comic opera companies have. They are good looking and are graceful, and with the splendid costumes gave us a good impression—and they can sing. John P. Storum prides himself on the beauty of his chess game and his announcements were not far fetched.

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### YOUNG LADY PASSES AWAY

Mayne Wagner Dies of Complication of Diseases.

Miss Mayne Wagner died at her home at 215 St. Francis avenue at noon yesterday. She was 21 years of age and was born and has grown to womanhood in this city. A complication of lung and stomach trouble caused her death.

Until last July she was employed in a clothing store, when she was taken ill with pneumonia. She grew better for a time and did light work about the store, but her strength did not return and gradually the dreadful disease gained a firmer hold upon her until it resulted in her death.

Besides her immediate family, Miss Wagner leaves a host of friends who loved and respected her. She possessed a kind and cheerful disposition and her absence from the store has been greatly felt, both by her associates and patrons of the store. The family has the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

The funeral services and place of burial have not yet been arranged for, but will be announced later.

### WEDDED YESTERDAY

At Home of Bride, Georgia Dumont and Joseph Salzman.

Last evening a wedding occurred the wedding of Miss Georgia Dumont and Mr. Joseph Salzman. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride, 122 North Emporia avenue, and only the members of the immediate family were present. Rev. Parker of St. Paul's M. E. church officiated.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. T. Dumont, the architect, and is a handsome and popular young lady. She has been employed in the Boston Store for some time.

Mr. Salzman, the groom, is an industrious and progressive young architect of this city.

The happy couple will begin house-keeping at once and will be at home to friends at 42 West Central avenue.

Mr. J. P. Locke, who went to California about two weeks ago, has returned and does not like San Francisco, but will take Kansas in preference to all the other western states and will engage in business in this city soon. Mr. Locke does not like the way business is transacted along the coast and he is pleased to get home after a long and tiresome trip.

## MANY WOULD BORE FOR GAS

Farmers Near Mulvane May Do Some Prospecting.

COMPANY OF BUSINESS MEN

Has Been Formed at Mulvane to Make Experiments.

There is a prospect that there will be several gas wells sunk near Mulvane in the near future. Several farms where the gas was discovered are owned by parties of considerable capital and these men are figuring on doing some prospecting for themselves. There are several Wichita parties interested in that section of the country who expect to drill a well of their own in a short time.

C. H. Hunsaker, one of the most reliable farmers of Mulvane, was in the city yesterday and expressed much confidence in the discovery of natural gas one and one-half miles east of that town, on the farm of Mr. Holster. Every one nearby is sanguine that a flow of gas of sufficient power to give it a commercial value will be found by going a little deeper.

The business men of Mulvane have practically formed a company to put up the cash for drilling wells if the farmers do not do the drilling themselves. The committee of business men of Mulvane who waited on Mr. Holster last week and made him several propositions have found that Mr. Holster will do the drilling himself and it is found in paying a proposition to the farmers of the country that wishes to put it to Mulvane or Wichita. Mr. Holster, it was announced in this city yesterday, was making arrangements for drilling machinery to go deeper in his well.

It was also learned that several other wells in the immediate neighborhood of Mr. Holster were projected, but work would not commence on them until after Mr. Holster begins.

Mr. Hunsaker said that in his opinion it would be definitely known at Mulvane how much gas there was to be had before the first of the year and that he had before many months passed Wichita would be using gas from the wells at Mulvane or had found some wells of her own.

### GET CHILLY RECEPTION.

An Old Soldier Mistook Meaning of Woman's Actions.

Mrs. Holmes, a colored woman, who lives on Wichita street between Third and Central, was up in police court yesterday, charged, with throwing water on an old soldier named F. M. Gilman, who had come from New City. Mr. Gilman said that he was in the street when this woman beckoned for him to come in. He thought she was in distress. He went to the door and received a bucket of cold water. Mrs. Holmes said that she did not beckon to him, but he came up and in order to drive him away, she doused him. The case against the woman was dismissed.

### PLANS FOR CONVENT PARK

St. Carmel Academy to Have Historic Grounds.

Yesterday Pat Healy bought a number of lots in College Green addition to Wichita for the sisters of St. Carmel academy.

Bishop Hennessy had something like twenty acres reserved for the church near the academy and some time ago he made a proposition to the sisters that if they could secure the platted blocks and lots, about fifteen acres in all, he would give them his reserved land, which, with their own and the platted lands, would give them forty acres surrounding the convent. The lots of the platted blocks were sold by people in all parts of the world and some in Europe. It was a heroic task to reach and negotiate all of them, but the sisters undertook it. They engaged Pat Healy to assist them and they now have practically the entire work accomplished.

The forty acres will be converted into a park and it is expected that it will become one of the historic places in Wichita in future generations. A magnificent boulevard will be opened north and south on the east side of it. This boulevard will be macadamized and paved with elm trees. It will include toward the convent in the center with a row of trees to the south. From this boulevard diagonal walks will be laid to the beautiful convent building and these walks will be lined on either side with flowers and shrubbery. Among the other features of the park will be a fine campus. Many fruit trees will also adorn the place, there will be a large fountain, and the girls. One of the sisters now at the convent is said to be one of the best scientific horticulturists in the state. It was under her direction principally that the original five acres attached to the convent have been set to trees and the result, so far as beauty of arrangement is concerned, not to mention success in culture and growth, is the wonder of horticulturists and the admiration of everybody. It is thought that within twenty years St. Carmel will rival some of the European convents in the variety and quality of its fruit orchards. The five acres which surrounded the convent originally produce more fruit than the 100 acres in the academy can use.

The work in carrying out the plans for the academy park will begin at once and will progress gradually until it is completed.

### CASTORIA.

He and his wife came to the city.

ON CHARGE OF PETIT LARCENY.

Sid Thomas Was Fined \$5 in Police Court.

Sid Thomas, a young colored man, was fined \$5 in police court yesterday for stealing a pair of shoes from a farmer living near the stockyards and also some things from the barns about the yards. Thomas one day last week was brought before the judge on the charge of vagrancy and given three hours to leave town. Yesterday he said that he

started to leave town when a man wanted him to help him drive some cattle which he did, and coming back found the whip and straps. Judge Stanley did not have much faith in the story, so he sent him to jail.

HANKSGIVING IS A HOLIDAY And School Teachers are Entitled to the Rest.

Frank Nelson, state superintendent of public instruction, has issued the following instructions to school boards over the state relative to the Thanksgiving holiday:

"Thanksgiving day is a holiday both by usage and proclamation. It is so declared by the president of the United States and by the governor of the state. Teachers are entitled to this day. All other employees get it. No business house thinks for a moment of asking the clerks to work an extra day in order to make up for Thanksgiving. School boards should be equally fair and liberal in this matter. They should encourage the teacher to attend the church meetings. The teacher will return from these meetings to the school with new ideas and renewed inspiration and the school work will profit thereby. If there is any class of workers who are entitled to the holidays, it is the school teachers. They do more work in proportion to the money received than any other class of people."

"On the question of the right of a teacher to collect pay for any legal holiday when the school was not in session, I believe the law is well stated in the case of 'School District 4 vs. Gage,' 23 Mich. Rep. 48. In that case the court holds as follows: 'Teachers are entitled to stated periods are subject to the observance of recognized holidays, and there should be no deductions for such occasions from the teachers' wages.' In the opinion of the court rendered by Chief Justice Campbell, the following language is used:

"In regard to deduction for holidays we are of the opinion that school management should always conform to those recent usages which recognize holidays; and that it is not lawful to impose forfeitures or deductions for such proper suspension of labor. Schools should conform to what may be fairly expected of all institutions in civilized communities. All contracts for teaching during periods mentioned must be construed of necessity as subject to such days of vacation, and public policy as well as usage requires that there should be no penalty laid upon such observances."

### GRAND OPERA IN WICHITA

Gordon-Shay Company Gave Fine Performance of Faust.

The Gordon-Shay Grand Opera company gave a very satisfactory performance last night at the Crawford to a large audience. The company gave the grand old opera "Faust," by Gounod. It lacked nothing of the beauty and strength that is a necessary qualification of that style of music. Miss Shay as Margaret portrayed the character with much force and with emotions as nearly perfect as possible. She sang the music with an artistic intelligence and skill, which was all the more admirable because she depended so little upon anything like mere vocal effort for her success. She handled her voice skillfully and well and her characterization of the role was received with much appreciation by the audience. Miss Shay captured her hearers completely with her singing.

Mr. Fredericks as "Faust," had a voice of marvelous range and purity. Combined with his fine stage appearance, Mr. Fredericks used his voice to fine advantage. He won honors with his work. John Dunsmead as "Mephisto," made a splendid success. He is the happy possessor of a magnificent bass voice of rare quality, which he used with skill and effect. He received several encores and has been favorably compared with Edouard de Reske, by his fellow professionals. He has had a meteoric rise in the opera world, going from chorus to grand opera in a few years' time.

The "Valentine" of Achille Albert was sung and acted very fully, and he deserves a fair share of the merit and praise accorded the opera. Miss Pauline Johnson made a pleasing "siebel," both in song and appearance and was warmly applauded.

The company carries a cartload of special scenery and it is simply fine. If the company should ever visit Wichita again, they will be sure of a crowded house to greet them.

### WICHITA HAS A KID BAND.

They Traveled With Campbell Bros. Circus Last Summer.

The Wichita boys, who during the past summer have been traveling with Campbell Bros. circus as a kid band, last night set out their instruments and in a tally-ho paraded the streets. They surrounded the Eagle office. The boys have a repertoire of popular music and they know how to play it. The boys play with a snap and so that make each one a musician and their work last night was enjoyed by the immense crowd of theatergoers who stopped to listen to their music.

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IS A FINE SINGER People Should Hear Prof. Scaglie During Rudersdorf Meeting.

Great preparations are being made for the Rudersdorf Meeting to begin December 1st, and much interest is being manifested. One of the great attractions will be Prof. Scaglie, a Scotch baritone soloist, who has been singing in the most successful manner for many years.

Prof. Scaglie, the wonderful singer at the Cumberland Presbyterian church, should be heard by everyone in Assiniboia who is capable of the most exquisite enjoyment of song. He should be heard not only for the artistic pleasure given by his musical voice, but for the soul-stirring power of his most pathetic sacred music. For beyond and higher than the highest eloquence does his truly modulated voice carry the listener into the very atmosphere of heaven. His voice is full, mellow and cathartic, at one moment filling a hall with its powerful volume and the next sinking into the sweetest pathos. A voice heard many a time, but I have never heard one of superior power to convey the quiet joy to the soul. In fact, the listener is entranced and words of the voice seem to take on new and more powerful meaning.

TO INVEST MONEY HERE Brown County Man Thinks Wichita Property a Good Investment.

James Steller of Brown county, Kansas, was in the city yesterday and while here bought, through the agency of O. T. Tenka, the residence property at 1428 East Gilbert street. The property formerly belonged to George E. Hollister.

Mr. Steller is a well known man in his county and has extensive cattle and



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"We shall positively frown on anybody who asks a person already wearing one of our badges to buy another. We shall positively object to it," said this little lady. "But," she said, "because you know we want our friends to pay as well as we can for the ones they buy, it is for their benefit, you know."

"Now, then, this certainly is the right thing and those who are asked tomorrow to buy a badge ought to appreciate this consideration on the part of the ladies by sticking up the biggest sign in their pockets instead of the smallest. They ought to fix it up like a grand big bearded gentleman instead of in that tight and manner in which one indicates that he is anxious to get rid of the accessory."

"Can't they buy more than one badge if he wants to?" asked a reporter. "Oh, certainly, yes," said the young lady, but you understand it must be entirely voluntary on his part. It wouldn't be right, you know, to prohibit a gentleman who already wears a badge from buying another if he finds a person in a similar position or friend selling them. Make it plain, so that all can understand that they can buy as many badges as they please, but that they will be asked to buy but one."

E. Stukha began work yesterday for the Jett & Wood Wholesale company. He will travel for them and his territory will be west on the main line of the Santa Fe.

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